

EAST AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Village Hall, 571 Main St., East Aurora, NY, Basement Conference Room

Present: Mary Ann Colopy, Saxon Deck, Michael Lennon, Mark Warren, Michelle Schoeneman (Village Board liaison)

Absent: Linda Ulrich-Hagner (present via telephone), Daniel Sheff, Patrick Mahoney, Michael Ried

Ms. Colopy called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M. and noted that there was a quorum present.

Ms. Colopy welcomed potential new members, Maggie Lindstrum and Patrick Capruso

OLD BUSINESS:

- Copper Shop – The CoA that was submitted had the incorrect year on it, the application was approved in November with request for the 2019 application, Mr. Lennon will send again. Project kick-off meeting was held yesterday. Three grants have been received, plus a grant from the O'Shei Foundation. Mr. Lennon reported on the progress of the restoration of the Copper Shop; contracts are signed and completion of project is scheduled by June.
- Price House – Ms. Deck asked if the plans include landscaping and trees. The parking lot is not completed to the original specs and drawings. Ms. Colopy stated the drawing did not show trees. Mr. Warren and Ms. Deck inquired as to the location of the C of A, original plans. Ms. Deck will look into this matter further.
- Lydell Property, Stock House on Roycroft Campus – A discussion ensued regarding the condition and progress of work on Boice Lydell's Roycroft campus property. The original CoA was in 2003, a second CoA in 2009, discussion in 2013 where Mr. Lydell was fined \$25 by the Village due to the building being out of code. Since that time, the HPC has attempted to speak with Mr. Lydell to discuss his plans for the restoration. Ms. Deck and Ms. Ulrich-Hagner spoke with Mr. Lydell in November 2018, they viewed the Stock House, the Kitty Turgeon's home (aka the Fournier Home), and the Roycroft items stored on the property and discussed the state of the property and plans for improvement with Mr. Lydell. Ms. Ulrich-Hagner has also spoken with Mr. Lydell. Mr. Warren shared the utilization of a Notice of Violation, should it become necessary. A sample of a Notice of Violation was submitted for review. Ms. Colopy spoke with James Finelli, from SHIPPO, liaison to the HPC. Mr. Finelli said the HPC is within their rights to take action and is not susceptible to repercussions or lawsuits, as long as there is no harassment. It is not common in small towns, but he has seen violation enforcements of this nature in Ithaca and Lewiston. Mr. Finelli stated, if the HPC pursues this, there would have to be judgment with some teeth. Mr. Warren was suggested giving Mr. Lydell the opportunity to attend the March meeting to respond with acceptable summary of what has been done to date and future plans. If he fails to do so, the HPC will have to act. The HPC has been patient and has given Mr. Lydell multiple opportunities to respond. No action was made today; this is informational for the March HPC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- PBN Landmarking – Ms. Colopy reported Christiana Limniatis presented Landmarking 101 in October 2018. Ms. Limniatis has offered to return this spring due to the interest of people who were unable to attend in October. The program will be "Landmarking 201" and will be a more detailed program highlighting East Aurora. Ms. Limniatis has also offered to meet with the HPC to give instruction and advice, especially for new members. Ms. Colopy asked all members to look at the spring schedules for a date.

- Ms. Colopy announced April is statewide HPC month and the Architecture Walk is scheduled for May 2019. It was suggested to hold the PBN's presentation of "Landmarking 201" prior to the Architecture Walk to promote the Walk and increase interest and membership in historic preservation.
- Introduction of potential new members, Patrick Capruso and Maggie Lindstrum. Mr. Capruso has met with the HPC previously; his resume has been submitted to the Mayor. This is Mrs. Lindstrum's first is an immigration attorney, she grew up in the Village of East Aurora and has returned with her family to the Village and lives on East Main Street. Architecture and historic preservation have always been an interest to Mrs. Lindstrum.

MOTION by Member Warren to recommend Mrs. Lindstrum for appointment as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission to the Mayor. Seconded by Member Deck, unanimously approved.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Ms. Deck, seconded by Mr. Lennon. Unanimously approved. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Arnold